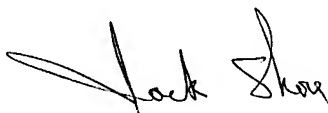


REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation contained In Claim 9 which was indicated to be allowable if placed in independent form. Claim 9 was then cancelled. Claims 2 through 8 and 10 that depend from allowable Claim 1 are also thus allowable. The remaining Claims 11 through 20 were allowed as originally filed. Thus, all the claims currently in the application, namely, Claims 1 through 8 and 10 through 20 are allowable and the application is In condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

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